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The United Missionary Air Training and Transport (UMATT) took a big step forward last week with an announcement that it will put its second plane into service in the African Mission fields later this year.

The announcement came at a meeting held last Tuesday on the University of Dayton Campus. University of Dayton is the home office for UMATT. The plane, a Cessna 185, will be used to transport supplies and personnel to missionary stations in Africa.

Along with the plane UMATT will send a second pilot to fly it. He is Mr. John W. St. Andre of East Douglas, Massachusetts who is presently finishing his special training at UMATT headquarter prior to leaving for the African continent.

At the present time UMATT has one plane, a Cessna 206 in service in Africa. The 206 officially known as N2169F Foxtrot was flown to Africa last year by Max Conrad the "Flying Grandfather" and 1965 winner of the Harmon Aviation Trophy. UMATT is an interfaith venture which has flown over 150,000 miles since last June, serving medical workers, missionaries, peace corps workers, and the people of the newly emerging African nations.

The dinner last week featured an appearance by Brother Michael Stimac, S. M., UMATT Development Director in Nairobi, Kenya. Brother Michael has just returned to the states for a series of lectures in behalf of UMATT.

Among the guest attending the luncheon and meeting were:

Rev. Byon Kinlaw, President of the Dayton Ministerial Conference
Col. Steve L. Bettinger of Wright Patterson A.F.B.
Bro. Thomas Dwyer, Acting UMATT Director
Mr. John Monahan, Mgr., Diplomat Hotel, North Hollywood, Florida
Mr. George E. Haddaway, Publisher of FLIGHT magazine
Fr. Raymond A. Roesch, President of the University of Dayton
Col. Carl Palmer, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Raymond Ledinsky, North American Aviation, Columbus
The Very Rev. James M. Darby, S. M. Provincial of the Society of Mary's Cincinnati Province